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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

The need for smaller broadband and phone service providers to have continued access to the copper line network is now stronger than ever. Companies like Sonic provide an affordable, high-speed internet and phone solution at a price that has no real match with any of the major players in the field. Please do not stifle competition by yielding to the pressure of the big telephone companies. With Sonic the lowest price bundle is 40\$ per month plus tax, with AT&T the lowest comparable bundle is over 80\$ per month. Sonic is able to provide higher quality service, is a locally owned and operated business, and manages to do this profitably by having access to the copper network. If this access is taken away, companies like Sonic would no longer be able to offer affordable internet access in this area. To top this off, they are developing a real fiber optic network in some communities in the Bay area, helping to lead innovation with faster networks, which the Big telephone companies are not interested in bringing to the general public at reasonable price points.

Please continue to support competition and do not pass the USTelecom petition to revoke parts of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. We need more competition, not limited choice and concentrated power in a few big telephone companies. Thank you for your attention to this matter!

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